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Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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West Virginia Department of Education	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
In the Schools and Libraries Program	)	

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF 471 APPLICATION DEADLINE

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF ED, BEN 126678**  
**FCCRN: 0011863149**

**471s: 181005080, 181005084, 181005086, 181005090, 181005092, 181005095, 181005097, 181005102, 181005103**  
**181005106, 181005107, 181005109, and 181009063.**

The West Virginia State Department of Education respectfully requests a waiver of the 2018-19 Form 471 application deadline for thirteen applications that include fifty-seven funding requests.

West Virginia State Department of Ed has filed on behalf of school districts for Category 2 Networking and Caching Services. These application are for thirteen school districts and 59 schools in West Virginia. During the application process, there were some delays with the mini-bid process on the new state master contract. To further complicate matters, West Virginia experienced a teacher strike that lasted for nine days prior to the funding window and all school districts were shut down and their staff did not report. This delayed the process of reviewing mini-bids and determining awards and the result was that we were unable to meet the Form 471 Filing Window Deadline for reasons beyond our control.

This funding is critical to all West Virginia schools in that the schools have already received major cuts over the past five years. Without this E-rate support, schools will be negatively impacted and instruction will be harmed without access to a robust wireless network. Granting this waiver would be in the best interest of the schools and program.

Thank you so very much for your support in granting this request for waiver of the filing deadline of March 22, 2018. It will serve the best interest of the students of West Virginia on behalf of our application to ensure adequate connectivity and communications.

Respectfully submitted this fifth day of April, 2018.

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